



WILDWOOD

May 20, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Watershed Erosion Task Force Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Discussion of Creek Education Webinar Series

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
The Honorable City Council
Sam Anselm, City Administrator

As the process of investigating Wildwood's watersheds has progressed by Task Force Members, consultants, and City officials, it has become apparent that, at least in the two (2) watersheds most visited, the situation is problematic and the extent of them is substantial. The data and information from these site inspections and investigations seems to indicate that, over time, many property owners have initiated repairs or fixes within the creeks and ephemeral drainageways by their homes and they have either contributed more to the erosion problems or not worked due to being washed away in a major storm event. Additionally, compounding this situation, many appear to be using these water features to dump yard wastes, clippings, and other debris from their properties. These kind of actions exacerbate these issues, in that can lead to greater erosion episodes.

With this new knowledge, the Co-chairs and Department staff thought it might be appropriate to provide residents on-line tools and information in regards to owning a portion of a creek or living next to one. The idea would be to have videos completed by the City's consultants and others that would cover a range of topics, which could include items such as:

1. Educational video that would be the original presentation of Dr. Hammer to the Task Force Members.
2. Educational video that would be the original presentation of Mark Meyer to the Task Force Members.
3. Educational video on the do's and don'ts of managing a creek that is part of your lot or it abuts it.
4. Educational video on yard waste management and composting.
5. Educational video on identifying healthy and riparian corridors.
6. Educational video on future steps of the task force and its goals for the future.

7. Other educational videos based upon defined needs or Task Force Members' input.

The Co-Chairs and the Department believe these videos could be placed on the City's website, YouTube Channel, and other social media platforms for the benefit of the residents of the community. The availability of these video elements could be updated, as needed. The production of the videos can be undertaken by the City, reviewed, and edited by the Task Force Members, then published on the City's media outlets.

If this concept is supported by the Task Force Members, such is aligned with the critical location identification and public education subcommittees' direction in regards to their efforts of classifying problem areas within the City's nine (9) watersheds, developing solutions to the highest priority locations, identifying general solutions for any area of concern, and implementing them, whenever practical. Therefore, the Department of Planning and Parks is seeking the direction of the Task Force Members in this regard.

If any of the Task Force Members should have questions or comments in regard to this information before tonight's meeting, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information and direction on the same.